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MONTEREY NEWS



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Monterey Energy Committee Report

The Monterey Energy Study has officially begun. Thirty five people met Thursday night, November 8, in the church social room to discuss the questionnaire drawn up with the help of the Center for Ecological Technology, a Pittsfield-based energy organization.

Committee members will visit as many households in town as possible. The Committee would welcome more volunteers to make the visits.

The Monterey News is enclosing a copy of the questionnaire and an introductory letter.

If you own a second home here in Monterey and will not be here to receive a visit, please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and mail it in. It is important to know real totals for energy use in town, and that requires information from every homeowner.

If you live in town and would prefer to participate by mail, please feel free to mail your form. The Committee is concerned that there are no duplicates, so please fill out only one form.

If you have any questions you can write to: Monterey Energy Study
c/o Mickey Friedman
Box 146
Monterey, CA., 93945

or call: Alan Silverstein or Mickey Friedman

Revised Test Pit Policy for Septic Systems

The Monterey Board of Health announces a revision in its policy regarding the time period for the drilling of deep test holes which must be performed prior to the licensing of any septic system. In addition to the designated springtime period of March 15 to June 1st, the Board may accept the results of groundwater observation holes during the period October 15th to November 15th, provided:

- 1) That the total cumulative precipitation, January 1 through the beginning of October, is no less than 34.4 inches (as recorded by the official rainfall recording station of the Stockbridge Water Dept.) and that precipitation for the months of August and September is no less than normal.
- 2) That all other aspects of the test comply with Title 5 of the State Sanitary Code.
- 3) That the registered professional engineer supervising the test state and show, by means of a soil log, the relationship between the observed groundwater levels and the maximum levels occurring during the spring of the year.

Community Dinner

The December community dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 5 at 6:30 in the Church Social Room. It will be a celebration both of Thanksgiving and of Christmas. Alexander and Olivia Dreier will present a puppet show for entertainment. There will be music in some form as well. Everyone is invited, young and old. Bring a covered casserole, salad or dessert. Bring your own silverware and china.

Property Taxes

Treasurer, Barbara Bauthier, asks that everybody pay his or her property taxes before the stated 30 day limit, if possible. The Town of Monterey has had to borrow money to get by during the period of waiting for tax payments to come in. Interest paid on that loan will add to taxes in the long run, so the word of Barbara is that you can help out greatly if you pay up soon.



The annual meetings of the William J. Gould Associates, Inc., and of the Board of Directors were held at Gould Farm, November 10th. The President, the Rev. Paul Kennedy, presided at both meetings. Because this year is the second anniversary of the 1967 adoption of the present charter, at which time six-year terms were given to a large number of people, there were many Associates whose terms expire this year. Those re-elected for another six-year term were: Dr. James L. Adams, Dr. James Bell, the Rev. Dr.

Virgil Brallier, David A. Colt, Dr. Albert Danielson, Dr. Jessie Danielson, Matthew J. Dempsey Jr., the Hon. Robert Donelan, Edward and Gladys Dunlop, Rose Foheman, Olivia S. Hatch, Sally Kelly, the Rev. Paul Kennedy, Joyce Morse, Eleanor and H.V. Pearl, Ruth Price, Dr. D.D. Robertson, John Silard, Elizabeth Simons, Kent Smith, Dr. Max Stackhouse, the Rt. Rev. Anson Phelps Stofau, Robert Wheeler, Janette Wright.

Newly chosen Associates were Stanley Buchin, John Downie, the Rev. Canon Clinton Dugger, Kendall Jones, the Rev. Richard Lindgren, Harriet Phillips, Virgil Stucker the Rev. Henry Stewart William Williams.

Directors whose terms expire and who were re-elected for another three years were: Col. Laurence J. Bolvig, David Colt, Dr. Albert and Dr. Jessie Danielson, the Hon. Robert Donelan, Olivia Hatch, Janet McKee, Eva Pahrke and Robert K. Wheeler.

Newly chosen Directors were Dr. Richard Culley, the Rev. Canon Clinton Dugger, Sally Kelly, the Rev. Richard Lindgren, Dr. D.D. Robertson.

The Executive Director, Kent Smith, presented his report for the year, including progress at Farrington House, which has now reached its full capacity of twenty guests, and also at the Roadside Store, which continues to do a good business.

The Treasurer, Edward Dunlop, gave his report, including the budget for 1980, which was approved. Other matters of business were discussed. The Executive Committee will meet Dec. 8th. The next meeting of the full Board will be held April 12, 1980.

The next annual meeting will be Oct. 11.

Martin Einecke from Kiel, Germany, joined the staff of work leaders on Oct 24th. Kiel is a large city in northern Germany, on the Baltic Sea. Martin is a conscientious objector, a member of Action Reconciliation, a number of whose members have worked at the Farm as volunteers. Martin expects to be here for at least six months.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Mass at Immaculate Conception in Mill River: 10:00 a.m., Sundays. Mass at Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday.

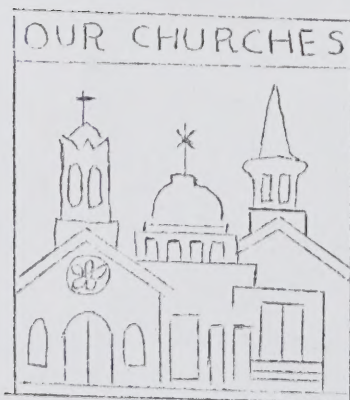
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes

Morning worship each Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Funerals

Alfred Emmel, late in October at Mt. Vernon, New York; Angie Van Burk, whose home was in Nova Scotia, but was returned here for her burial on October 26; Marietta Damon, a resident of Monterey for many years, but whose home in recent years was in West Springfield, on Nov. 2.



Clean-up-Day

The Parish Council has set Saturday, December 1 as clean-up-day for the Church social room. This area receives heavy usage. It provides space for a number of different community groups. Two shifts are planned from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1 to 3 p.m. The various groups who use this room are each urged to have a person or two present to help. We want to have the place really cleared from "stem to stern". As many as can, bring a bucket and sponge.

Liturgy Committee

The newly named Liturgy Committee will begin functioning with the advent season. They will work with the Pastor, reviewing and planning the worship of the Church. Those on the committee are Judith Hayes, Kelly James, Rose Anne Marie and Hadley Simons.

THE COMMON GOOD

"The Common Good" is a phrase that has been around for a long time. I really don't know where it first came into usage. It clearly was in the thinking of those persons who founded our nation. And, of course, it was not a new idea then.

The common good at times seems to be in contest with conceptions of one's personal good. It comes out this way. I may be in a situation in which I must choose between what I think is personally good for me and what will serve the best interests of the larger community around me. We all can think of glaring instances in which people have acted on impulses that were so clearly self-concerned that it seems they had no capacity to see beyond their own noses. They acted as if they had no care or concern for what happened to others. Some of those others may be even as near as spouse or children. This sort of mentality thumbs the nose at the common good.

Recently a person in trying to analyze the current economic and social dilemmas of our nation described us as a people who are all crying "me, me". This suggests that we have dropped to a low level of caring for the common good. I am not sure the answer is quite so simple that we can label ourselves as a nation of self-seekers - and that, therefore, fully explains the troubles we are in. On the other hand, I wouldn't too quickly toss the idea away.

There is a peculiar thing that happens to humans. There is evidence suggesting that in more prosperous times people become more self-centered than in times of adversity. When all is going well I may live in an insulated position, not really that much aware of what is happening to my neighbors. But when calamity and adversity strikes, we become more aware of those around us. The world is full of thrilling stories of how generous and heroic qualities flowed from people who were bound together in suffering. It is enough to make one wonder. Does the sense of the common good develop only when our backs are against the wall? And is it in danger of drying up when times are easier? Is it possible we are not yet well-developed enough in our humanity to really serve the common good except when we are driven to it by our common survival needs? These are questions for our pondering.

In any instance I should like to lift up and applaud some stirrings of the search for the common good in the Monterey community. Several months ago work was begun on ways to cooperate so as to better utilize wood as fuel in Monterey. Perhaps nothing earth-shaking has happened yet. Yet there is a growing awareness and willingness to work together for our common good. In the process some people are discovering that one's personal good and the good of the whole are not necessarily at odds with each other. Come to think of it, isn't it sort of a strange way to think to suppose that what helps all would really be detrimental to one's own good? Indeed, I find myself thinking that my fuller development as a human being really depends very much on my capacity to keep others in the focus of my thinking.

In this issue of the Monterey News you will find information on our energy audit for Monterey. I hope you will take it seriously as a real effort toward the common good in Monterey. I have been thrilled by the dedicated effort of a sizable group of Monterey citizens who have been meeting together weekly to discuss ways we can act together to deal with the crisis in energy that has come upon us. Admittedly this is a much bigger problem than in Monterey. Also, admittedly, this is an issue that threatens to put our backs to the wall. Yet sometimes people with their backs to the wall focus even more upon their own woes. Here a real effort is being made to say, "Let us band together, let us think and plan together, let us find ways of acting together."

The common good is clearly in focus in these recent stirrings in Monterey. There is a growing conviction that if we "hang together" rather than each hang separately we will eventually find ways of a better life for all. This calls for a pooling of our personal energies, for thinking, planning and acting together. Those who are leading out, helping our whole town to think and plan more creatively in dealing with this situation have my highest commendation and support. As we move through the difficult years ahead we will all share in the search for the common good that is already taking form in Monterey.

Dear friends and townspeople, I would ask you to see that something more than an energy audit is taking place. The creation of an old dream for humanity lies somewhere within this movement. Long ago buried deep in human consciousness has been the knowledge that we really claim our humanity only where we serve the common good. We are weak and misshapen caricatures of what it is to be human when we have learned only to cry "me, me." When a new understanding of what it is to be human arises, surely it will be shaped around new awarenesses of what St. Paul meant when he declared, "If we suffer, all suffer together, if one is honored, all rejoice together."

Regil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

Monterey Grange #291 observed "Old Timers Night" on 10/17 with 65 members and friends representing 13 Granges present. Ted Lowry, 87 year-old Master of Flintstone and a 73 year member acted as master and with other so called "Old Timers" filled the chairs and furnished a delightful program. Sister Nina Tryon arranged a parade of old gowns.

Monterey Grange #291 met on November 4, for a "Let's Give Thanks" program. Members brought in pumpkins for judging and there was a pumpkin pie baking contest. Violet Hardisty won 1st prize and Florence Brown 2nd for their pies. Ray Ward won 1st, Amy Enoe 2nd and Robert Hardisty the Booby Prize for their pumpkins. Judges were Vera, Kathy Malcom and Terry Somer.

The Worthy Master John Lossen and Worthy Lecturer Mary Wallace gave an informative report of the recent State grange session. We won prizes in several contests:

- 1) 2nd Prize in Safety Contest, a check for \$75.00 from National Grange Ins. Co
- 2) 3rd Prize, a \$50.00 Bond for Community Service report from Patrons Mutual Ins. Co.
- 3) Two 1st Prizes, two 2nd Prizes and one 3rd Prize were won by Eleanor Kimberly in the Photography Contest- the 1st Prize winners have gone to National Grange for judging.
- 4) 3rd Prize for Conservation Display; 2nd Prize for Conservation Report.
- 5) Richard Hardisty submitted a new slogan for the Youth Program. "Together we can do it." It was the winner.
- 6) The Lecture won a performance award.

The recent Stanley Party was very successful. A profit of \$93.17 was realized. The Grange would like to thank all who helped. Deputy Lucy A. Wuori, Malcom Somer, a member of the State Conservation Committee, and David Oligny from Middlefield presented the awards. Due to Thanksgiving, the 21st meeting was changed to 11/28, at which Competitive Night Richard Hardisty and Alice Shaffer are the Captains.

Fraternally,
Mary Wallace Lecturer

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Independence

No stem broke leaf upon a pool may float,
none may drift or feel a rocking tide
while bushbound, fed, and doing what's implied
in contract. A chosen port impels a boat.
A leaf's but veinous chlorophyll, remote
from roots, dependent on the light it must provide
if branches, twigs, and cambium are allied
to run the green machine. All must promote.
But leaves alone, like unjoined words, are pawns
in any case -- of poet's breath, machine, or wind;
undesirous, tranquil, unconstrained --
as void of purpose as recurrent dawns
of days designed by devious ways to end
in simple alternation, darkness gained.

Susan McAllester
9/29/68

Dear Monterey Resident:

The Monterey Energy Study is the work of more than thirty of your neighbors, the first part of an ambitious project: the attempt to make our town more energy self-reliant. We need your help.

We want to know how much energy all of us are using and how much it costs us. How much heating oil are we using, how much natural gas, gasoline, electricity? How much do we spend as a town? Once we have this information we can figure out if there are better ways to use energy, cheaper ways, ways in which we can control the use and cost of energy.

Right now nobody knows if wind power is cheaper than Mass. Electric, or if it's even possible here in Monterey. Or if using the water of the Knokapot makes sense. Or a town-wide wood project, or gasahol, or how best to use the sun. Everybody talks about the rising costs of energy and how we have to plan. Well we know our community best, so let's start planning now, right here at home.

Privacy is an important concern of all of us, and we want to assure you that confidentiality will be respected. We need this information so that we all, everyone in town, can make intelligent decisions. Hopefully when we study the potential for energy here in Monterey: the wood, the water, the wind, and the sun, and a conservation program, we'll discover several ways we can not only win back some independence in energy but save money in the long run for all of us.

On the next page, you will find our energy form. Some questions will require checking last year's fuel bills. We appreciate the time you're taking to fill this out. If you have any questions please feel free to call your neighbor whose name appears at the top of the form.

Thank you again,

Mickey Friedman, for The Monterey Energy Committee

MONTEREY ENERGY PROJECT

c/o Mickey Friedman

Box 146

Monterey, Ma. 01245

MONTEREY ENERGY PROJECT

Please complete this questionnaire to the best of your knowledge. Feel free to remain anonymous. If you have any questions, please call _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

1. Questions about your house: (please circle)

a) Do you live here year-round? yes no Summer Only? yes no
Other (weekends, for example)? _____

b) Approximate age of home _____ c) Number of floors _____

c) House Dimensions _____ b) Number of rooms _____

d) Square feet of living area _____

e) Do you have a porch? yes no Is it heated? yes no

f) Do you have a basement? yes no Is it heated? yes no

2. a) Number of residents _____

b) Over 60 years old _____

c) Adults _____

d) Children _____

3. Questions about winter heating?

What is your thermostat setting?

a) Day _____ c) Evening _____

b) Night _____ d) No thermostat _____

4. Information About Insulation (please circle) Amount & Type of Insulation

a) Are your walls insulated? yes no don't know _____

b) Is your ceiling/attic yes no don't know _____
insulated?

c) Is your basement insulated? yes no don't know _____

d) Do you have storm windows? all some none _____

e) Do you have storm doors? all some none _____

f) Is your house drafty? yes no where _____

5. What special preparations do you take for winter?

a) Put plastic on windows yes no

b) Seal off rooms yes no how many? _____

c) Place bags (leaves, hay) around foundation? yes no

d) Rope caulk windows yes no

e) Other _____

6. Questions on fuel use: Check the type of fuel you use and how it is used at home

	Heat	Hot Water	Cook	Amount	Approximate Cost Per Year
a) Oil				Gallons	\$
b) Gas				Tanks	\$
c) Electric				Kilowatt Hours	\$
d) Wood				Cords	\$

e) Do you cut your own wood? yes no

f) Do you purchase wood? yes no Price per cord \$ _____

g) Does your wood come from: Monterey Berkshire County Elsewhere

h) Do you use a wood stove? yes no How many? _____

i) Do you use a fireplace? yes no How many? _____

7. Questions about transportation: How many vehicles do you own? _____

For each vehicle indicate the number of miles driven each year and the number of miles per gallon: Miles Per Year Miles Per Gallon

Vehicle A _____

Vehicle B _____

Vehicle C _____

Your comments and suggestions are welcome! (Use reverse side)

Technical assistance by Center for Ecological Technology (CET)

GREAT BARRINGTON CAMERA CLUB



On Wednesday, November 14 in St. James Parish Hall, the Camera Club held their third monthly meeting of the year. The night's competition dealt with "Flowers, birds, or insects". The judge for the competition was Charles Bartlett, a well-known nature photographer.

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts - Bears and Wolves: On Halloween, Pack 51, the Bears and the Wolves, in conjunction with New Marlboro Central School, held a Halloween Party. The

Bears made a Haunted House and the Wolves established a Fortune Telling booth and Bobbing-for-Apples competition. There was also a "Bean Guessing Booth", which was correctly calculated by Scotty Sheridan, and a Jack O'Lantern Face contest, which received help from Mt. Everett art teacher, Mrs. Drew.

Also during the month of October, Mrs. Callahan, her assistant Mrs. Holly Hopkins, and the Wolves went to the Fish Hatchery in Hartsville and the Cider Mill, owned by James Hall in Mill River.

On November 9, Pack 51 held their Pack Meeting at the American Legion Hall in New Marlboro. At the meeting, Den 1 led the attendants in several songs, and Den 2 presented a skit entitled, "How the Monsters Became Cub Scouts." Many awards were also distributed at the meeting. Donald Blanchard, the Cubmaster, presented the following awards; Bobcat Badges to - Steven Saunders, Steven Funk, Ryan Kidney, Eric Callahan, Joel Kalodner, Frederick Vorck, Russell Hopkins. One-Year Stars to: Edward Harvey, James Decker, Douglas Brown, Mark Seavey, Christopher Makuc, and John Blanchard. Silver Arrows to: Edward Harvey (2), Mark Seavey (3), Douglas Brown (4), and Christopher Makuc (1).

The Cub Scouts are also planning a Craft Workshop with the other troops in the area; the Brownies, Juniors and other youth organizations.

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies: On October 25, Troop #237 held its annual investiture ceremony. Brooke Loder, Florence Jones and Nancy Phillips were welcomed into the troop after a brief ceremony. Many parents were able to join the girls to make the day a memorable one.

At the next meeting, the girls made leaf collages with fall leaves, crayons, and wax paper. They tied them with yarn to hang in their windows.

On November 8, they began their preparations for Thanksgiving. The girls made individual turkey place mats out of construction paper and on November 15, they met at the Grotz home to prepare cranberry relishes for their families. One group made a cooked relish of cranberries and sugar and another group made a cranberry, orange and nut relish. Each girl got a sample of both to share with her family on Thanksgiving.

Juniors and Cadettes: On October 24, the Juniors held their Halloween party so the troop #66 could attend. After painting faces on one another, there were games and apple-bobbing, and of course cider and doughnuts.

There was no meeting on October 31, as everyone needed their time to prepare for trick-or-treating.

The girls are now starting on their Christmas projects which must be kept secret because of the number of parents and grandparents who read this news.

YOUTH GROUP

Recently, the Youth Group divided into two separate groups based on grade. Now, there is the Senior Youth Group: Grades 7 and up, and the Junior Youth Group: Grades 4, 5, & 6. This reorganization took place on Sunday, Nov. 10, with the Juniors meeting from 5 to 6, and the Seniors, from 6 to 7. These plans of division came about from a meeting on Thursday, November 8.

Each group is in the process of deciding on officers, and dividing the funds between the two groups. Both groups will still work on the mailing of the Monterey News.

Youth Editor,
Kevin Bradley

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* one child, seeking a house to rent or *
* caretaker. Please call 528-1863 or *
* 528-1921. Or ask at the General Store. *

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

We are heartened and grateful for the support of the Monterey News that has begun to come in in response to our annual November appeal. Those received to date are: Mr. and Mrs. John F. Adams, Dean and Alice Allen, Mrs. Stanley B. Amidon, Martin Bernstein, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip W. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Brosseau, George Bruckbauer, Col. and Mrs. L.J. Bolvig, Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Boyd, Dr. and Mrs. James P. Cattell, Frank Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Champigny, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Craven, Olive Davis, Robert Ensign, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Fenn, Mickey Freidman, Will Freidman, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Garber, Drs. Warren and Beverly Goodman, Robert K. Gingrich, Harold R. Hart, George B. Helmrich, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoogs, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Janes, Bjorn Jenssen, Eleanor Kimberley, Fred and Lucy Lancome, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lanoue, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Levine, Loul Mc Intosh, Helen g. McKay, Rose McKee, Margaret McLaughlin, Marta Meluleni, George A. Mensi, George Norian, Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Pasche, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond C. Phibbs, Harriet M. Phillips, Deborah M. Rankin and Lawrence A. Heald, Mary Sandbach, Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Schiffman, Jim Secundy, Alan Silverstein, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Slater, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Smith, Margaret Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Somers, T. Folger Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Thorn, Peter and Evelyn Vallianos, Eleanor Varney, Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace, Martin and Helen Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Whitaker, Charlotte Mary Wilson, Miss Mary Wocel, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Zilka.

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